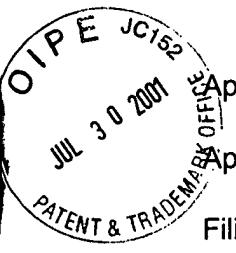


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The attached documents demonstrate that the precursor to factor X was well known in the art in the mid 1980's, in response to the Examiner's argument that it was unclear what that precursor was.

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